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CHURCH-SERVICE,

ON

SUNDAYS and HOLY-DAYS;

WITH

Several other Ufeful Observations.

According to the LATIN Directory.



For the Year of our Lord M DCC LXIX.

Being the first after Bissextile or Leap Year.



B, C, D, fignifies Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor. M. Martyr. MM. Martyrs. V. Virgin. C. Confessor. d Double. gr d. greater Double. sd. Semidouble. White, Red, &c. in Italic, denotes the Colour of the Ornaments for the Day. Holidays are in Capitals.

N. B. The Regular Clergy sometimes vary from these Colours, on account of the Festivals belonging to

their respective Orders.

Feria is the Week Day which has no Festival.

The common Commemorations, are those following the Magnificat, in the Vespers for Sundays; Term begins, Term ends, mean the Beginning and Ending of that Time which is appointed sour Times in the Year for hearing and determining Causes in Westminster-Hail.

The Lidulgences mentioned in this, are for the London

District.

Note, The Mass is said of the Sunday or Feast, unless it be a Semidouble, Simple, or Feria; for then it may be said in Black for the Dead, or a Votive one may be said of some Saint, or Festival, except within a priviledged Octave, such as the Octave of Christmas, Epiphany, Holy Week, Easter, Whitsuntide, Corpus Christi, and some other particular Days.

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The LAITY'S DIRECTORY for 1769.

A Letter from S. Denis bishop of Alexandria to Fabius bishop of Antioch, containing the martyrdom of several boly confessors, who suffered death in the years of Christ 249, and 250, under the empires of Philip and Decius.

T was not the emperor Decius's edict, which excited the perfecution against us; it was begun a year before. It was a poet that stirred up the people against us. and induced them to defend the old superstition, which he thought could not be better defended than by shedding our blood. They first seized on an old man called Matras, and would oblige him to blaspheme. But because he would not do it, they beat him with sticks, pierced his face with pointed reeds, and stoned him in a fuburbs. Afterwards they led a faithful woman whose name was Quinta, to the temple of their idol, and urged her to adore it. When she had refused with execration and horror, they bound her feet, dragged her upon the stones thro' the city, and beat her all over her body till they came to the suburbs, where they stoned her to death. After this they enter by crouds into the houses of the christians, take them from thence with violence, strip them, pillage the best of their moveables, and burn the rest, with the same licence as if the city had been taken by affault. In the mean time our brethren retired, and faw their goods stolen with the same joy as those did of whom S. Paul speaks. There was but one, that I know of, that fell into their hands, and renounced the faith. They then took Appollonia, that admirable virgin, and broke her teeth by the violence of the blows they gave her in the face. Afterwards

wards they lighted a great fire out of the city, and threatned to throw her into it, if the did not blafpheme with them. Having excused herfelf, and being left at liberty, she threw herself into the pile, where she was instantly consumed. They found Serapion in his own house, made him suffer cruel torments, bruised his body, and at last threw him down from the top of it. We durst not go night or day into the streets, or public places; because all the people cried out, that whofoever refused to blaspheme, should be burnt alive. This perfecution having continued a long time, it was fucceeded by a fedition, and a civil war, whereby those that had combated us with fo great fury, armed against one another. Then we breathed a little. But the calm was very foon changed into a ftorm. The edict having been published against us, we beheld aftonishing things, such as the Lord had foretold, and capable, if it were possible, of seducing the very elect. The terror was extreme. Many of the most considerable advanced Those that had charges appeared as usual to with fear. exercise them. Others were forcibly dragged away by those that knew they were christians. Some were pale and trembling, as if they had not walked to facrifice to the idols, but to be facrificed themselves; so that the people made a jest of their not having the courage either to facrifice, or to die. Others advanced boldly towards the altar, and affirmed that they had never been chris-They were of the number of those of whom our Saviour faid, that it is very difficult for them to be faved. The rest ranged themselves on the side of the one or the other of those I have mentioned, or endeavoured to fly, and some of these last were taken. There were some among them who after continuing in prison for feveral days, renounced the faith, without being taken before the judges. Others after bearing the torments with some fort of constancy, were shaken by the threats of new ones which they were preparing for them.

The bleffed pillars of the Lord, which he had supported upon the immoveable foundation of the faith, continued firm and fledfast, and were intrepid witnesses of the truth of his kingdom. Julian was the first. He was afflicted with the gout, and could neither walk nor fland; who was traduced with two others that carried him, one of whom renounced the faith immediately. The other ca'led Cronion, and furnamed Eunius, having confessed Jesus Christ with Julian, they were set upon camels, and beaten thro' all the city, which as you know is very large, and at length burnt in a hot pile which the people had lighted. A Soldier called Befas, who had conducted them to the place of punishment, and had repulsed those that abusively insulted them, was led before the judge at the confused cries of the multitude, that rose up against him; and having generoufly combated as a valiant athlete, for the defence of the cause of the Lord, his head was cut off.

[Continued after the month]

IANUARY bas XXXI Days.

- d z cl white. Vespers the second of it, with a commemoration of the oft. of S. Stephen.
- 2 Monday, octave-day of S. Stephen d red.
- 3 Tuesday, octave-day of S. John d white.
- 4 Wednesday, oct. day of holy Innocents d'red.
- 5 Thursday, vigil, octave of S. Thomas d red.
- 6 Friday, abst. The EPIPHANY of our Lord d 1 cl white. Vespers the second of it.
- 7 Saturday, abst. of the octave of Epiph, sd white.
- 8 SUNDAY within the oct. Id white. Vespers of it, with a commem. of the octave. n M 1 m.
- 9 Monday, of the octave id white.
- 10 Tuesday, of the octave sd white.

11 Wednesday of the octave sd white.

12 Thursday, of the octave fd white.

13 Friday, abst. octave day of Epiph gr d white.

14 Saturday, abst. S. Hilary BC fd white.

2 SUNDAY aft. Epiph. Holy name of JESUS d 2 cl white, Vespers the second of it, with commem. of Sunday, and of S. Marcellus. M f q 9 m.

16 Monday, S. Marcellus PM fd red. 17 Tuesday, S. Anthony Ab Cd white.

- 18 Wednesday, S. Peter's chair at Rome gr d white.
- 19 Thursday S. Paul first Hermit Cd white. (15 inft.)

20 Friday, fast SS Fabian and Sebast. MM d red.

21 Saturday, abst. S. Agnes VM d red.

22 Septuagesima SUNDAY, sd purple. Vespers of it, with commem of S. Raymund, and of S. Emerentiana VM. and the common commem. f M 3 m.

23 Monday, S. Raymund C fd white. Term begins.

24 Tuesday, S. Timothy BM fd red.

25 Wednesday, Conversion of S. Paul Ap gr d white.

26 Thursday, S. Polycarp BM fd red.

27 Friday, fast, S. John Chrysoft. BCD d white.

28 Saturday, abst. SS. Vincent &c. MM fd red. (22 inst.)

29 Sexagesima SUNDAY sd purple. Vespers of it, with a commem. of S. Martina, and the common commemorations. Mlq8e.

30 Monday, S. Martina VM fd red.

31 Tuesday, S. Peter Nolascus Cd white.

S. Denis's letter continued.

A Nother native of Africa, called Macarius, that is to say happy, and who was so indeed, because he had the grace of God, having not been moved with all that the judge had said to him, to induce him to repounce the saith, was burnt alive. After this Epimacus and

and Alexander were taken from an obscure prison, where they had been a long time in chains, and were cruelly beaten, torn with iron claws, and at last burnt in unquenched lime. Four women fuffered martyrdom with them. The first was a girl called Ammonarion, who having been a long time tormented by the judge, because she had told him she would never do what he defired, she kept her word, and was led to punishment. Mercury a woman venerable for her age. Denysa the mother of many children, for whom however she had less love than for God, and another Ammonarion, had their heads cut off, without having suffered other torments before; because the judge was ashamed to torment them unprofitably, and to be overcome by women. The first Ammonarion had experienced all the punishments. Heron, Ater, and Isidore, Egyptians, were led before the judge, with a youth of fifteen years old called Dioscorus. The judge endeavoured first to deceive him by his discourses, as the most simple, and to shake him by torments, as the weakest; but he equally refisted the violence of torments, and the sweetness of words. The others having been cruelly beaten, and fuffered the most rigourous torments with an invincible constancy, were at last burnt. Dioscorus, who had gained admiration by the wildom of his answers, was fent away by the judge, who told him, that in favour of his age, he gave him a little time to change his opinion. He continues amongst us, and God reserves him to another more celebrated combat. Nemefion also a native of Egypt was falfly accused of belonging to a company of thieves, and having justified himself before the Centurion was afterwards accused of being a christian, and led in chains to the governour. That most unfust judge having made him to be tormented once more than the thieves, caused him to be burnt with them; and thus he had the happiness to have that conformity with our Saviour, as to die like him in the company

pany of thieves. A company of Soldiers, to wit, Ammon, Zenon, Ptolomy, Ingenuus, and the old Theophilus, standing before the tribunal of the judge, perceived that a man accused of being a chilstian, was ready to deny it, they instantly made him signs with the eyes and hand, and then with the whole body, so that they were observed; but before any body advanced to arrest them, they approached the tribunal, and presented themselves, confessing that they were christians. The governour and the other judges were assonished at the boldness with which they offered themselves to death. They departed thus exceeding joyful for having so gloriously confessed Jesus Christ, and having made him triumph by the generosity of their faith.

FEBRUARY bas XXVIII Days.

1 Wednesday, fast S. Ignatius BM sd red.

2 Thursday, PURIFICATION of the BV Mary d 2 cl white. (at bleffing the candles purple) Vespers the second of it, with commem. of S. Francis, and of S. Blase. At Compline Anth. Ave Regina

3 Friday, fait S. Francis de Sales, BC d aubite.

(29 Jan.)

4 Sarurday, abst. S. Andrew Corfine BC d white.

5 Qinquagesima SUNDAY, sid purple. Vespers the first of S. Agathy, with commem of Sunday, and of S. Dorothy, verse, Diffusa est, &c.

6 Monday, S. Agathy VM d red. (Yesterday) n M 6 e.

7 Shrowe-Tuesday, S. Romuald Ab C d white.

8 Ash-Wednesday purple. A fast, and so is every day, except Sundays which are abstinence, during this penitential season of I ent. On this day ast es are blessed, and put on the foreheads of the faithful, using these words: r. member man that dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return; to put them in mind of their mortality,

mortality, and that this is a time of repentance and mortification.

9 Thursday, S. John de Matha C d white. (Yesterd.)

10 Friday, S. Scholastica V d subite.

11 Saturday of it, purple.

- 12 1 SUNDAY of Lent, fd purple. Vespers of it, with the common commemorations.

 A plenary Indulgence, and till next Sunday.
- 13 Monday, of the feria, purple. Term ends. M f q 4 e.

14 Tuelday, of the feria, purple.

15 Wed zesday, Ember-day, of the feria, purple.

16 Thursday, of the feria, purple.

17 Friday Ember-day, of the feria, purple.

18 Saturday, Ember-day, of the same, purple.

19 2 SUNDAY of Lent, sd purple. Vespers of it, with the common commemorations.

20 Monday, of the feria, purple. f M 5 e.

21 Tuesday, of the feria, parple.

22 Wednesday, S. Peter's Chair at Antioch, gr d wbits.

23 Thursday, vigil, of the feria, purple.

24 Friday, S. MATHIAS d 2 cl red. [Vespers are the second of him, commem. of the Friday.] Compline.

25 Saturday of the same, purple.

26 3 SUNDAY of Lent, fd purple. Vespers of it with the common commemorations.

27 Monday, of the feria, purple.

28 Tuesday, of the feria, purple. M 1 q 5 e.

S. Dennis's letter continued.

Several others were torn in pieces by the pagans in the towns and villages. I will here relate an example of this. Iseurion managed the affairs for a man of quality, who commanded him to facrifice to the idols, and upon his refusing to obey him in that particular, he ill treated him, and not being able to gain any

any thing by his bad usage, he abused him more senfibly, whereby being still unable to shake his firmness, he killed him, by running a stake into his bowels. What need is there to fpeak of an innumerable multitude of people that died of hunger, thirst, or cold, upon the mountains, and in the deferts; or who were killed by thieves, or devoured by wild beafts? Those that remain are irreproachable witnesses of the choice which God had made of them by his grace, and of the victory they have obtained by their faith. I will here relate but one example of this to display the truth hereof. An old man whose name was Cheremon, bishop of Nilur, having fled with his wife upon a mountain of Arabia, never returned, nor could the brethren ever find him, what care foever they took to feek him. Several were taken by the Saracens upon that mountain, and led into captivity, fome of whom were redeemed by money, and others are yet in their hands. I write all this to you, my dearest brother, to acquaint you what the perfecution of our church has been, which those who have fuffered it comprehend the greatness and violence of it better than any body. Moreover the holy martyrs who are now feated with Jefus Christ in his kingdom, and who will judge the world with him, have received those that were fallen during the persecution, and had facrificed to the idols; and having believed that their penance might be acceptable to him who loves the conversion of a sinner better than his death, they have received them favourably, and admitted them into their fociety, and suffered them to pray and eat with them. What conduct then do you counsel us to keep in regard to them? What ought we do? Shall we follow the advice of the holy martyrs; shall we confirm the sentence they have given, or rather the favour they have granted by treating those penitents with mildness, or else shall we establish ourselves judges of the holy martyrs, shall we examine their fentence, shall we cancel it? Shall

we overthrow what they have established, shall we do an injury to their mildness, and shall we excite the wrath of God?

MARCH bas XXXI Days.

- 1 Wednesday of the feria, purple.
- 2 Thursd.y of the feria, purple.
- 3 Friday of the feria, purple.
- 4 Saturday S. Casimir C sd white
- 5 4 SUNDAY of Lent, sid purple. Vespers of it, with the common commemorations.
- 6 Monday of the feria, purple.
- 7 Tuesday, S. Thomas of Aquine CD d white.
- 8 Wednesday, S. John de Deo C d white. n M 6 m.
- 9 Thursday S. Frances wid d white.
- 10 Friday, the forty martyrs, fd red.
- It Saturday of the same, purple.

 This day before Vespers the pictures and crucifixes are to be veiled with purple, in memory of our Saviour's going out of the temple, and hiding him-
- 12 Passion SUNDAY sd purple. Vespers the first of S. Gregory, at Magnif. O Doctor, comm. of Sunday.
- 13 Monday S. Gregory the great PCD d white. (Yel-terday)
- 14 Tuesday of the feria, purtle. M fq 12 n.
- 15 Wednesday of the feria, purple.
- 16 Thursday of the feria, purple.
- 17 Friday, the feven dolours of BV Mary gr d white,
- 18 Saturday, S. Patrick BC fd white. (17)
- 19 Palm SUNDAY, fd purple. Vespers of it. A planary Indulgence, and till Low-Sunday
- 20 Monday of the feria, purple. 21 Tuesday of the feria, purple.
- 22 Wednesday of the feria, purple. Tenebræ.

23 Mandy-

23 Maurdy-Thursday, d I el aubite. Tenebræ.

24 Good-Friday, d I cl black Tenebræ.

25 Holy Saturday, d I cl white.

N B. The festival of the Annunciation is transferred till Monday after Low-Sunday.

26 EASTER-SUNDAY d 1 cl white. Vespers of it.

- 27 EASTER-MONDAY d 1 cl white. Velpers of it. 28 EASTER-TUESDAY d 1 cl white. Vespers of it.
- 29 Wednesday of the octave, id white-
- 30 Thursday of the octave, id white.
- 31 Friday, abst. of the octave sd white.

The Acts of S. Saturnin, bifnop of Tholouse, and martyr anno 245.

WO ages and a half were elapsed fince the birth of Jesus Christ, and that sun of justice, who had arisen in the midst of darkness, had already begun to spread the light of faith over the vast and fertile countries of the west; the trumpet of the gospel was already heard in the utmost bounds of Gaul, and the people that lived at the foot of the Pyranees had already received the doctrine of the apostles, when under the consulship of Decius and Gratus Tholouse acknowledged Saturnin for its first bishop. In truth the christians were yet but a small number in those fine provinces, the God of heaven had but few temples there, whilst in all the cities the altars were smoking, and the blood of victims flowing, in honour of the false gods. But Saturnin begun to destroy their impious worship in his episcopal city, he imposed filence on them, made their oracles cease, unveiled the mysteries of iniquity, and in a little time the faith of the christians being supported by the word of their holy pastor, and enlightened by his piety, was seen triumphing over infidelity, and the religion of Jesus Christ establishing itself upon the ruins of that of idols. The

The holy bishop was obliged to pass by the capitol in his way to a little church which he had built. devils that inhabited this superb temple, could not fuffer the presence of the man of God; they were forced to acknowledge the power of Jesus Christ, which Saturnin excercised over them, and their vain idols refuming their own nature, no longer returned any aufwer, to the great surprise of those that consulted them, The alarm was immediately spread among their priests; that novelty confounded them, they asked one another whence could proceed a filence fo uncommon to their gods; who could thus have stopt their mouths? Are they angry, or are they absent? Whence comes it that insensible to the prayers addressed to them, they do not fo much as hear the voice of our ministers? It is to no purpose to immolate victims to them, in vain does the blood of bulls flow in large streams before their altars, nothing is capable of restoring them to their speech; they are deaf and dumb.

Some persons disaffected to our religion go to those priests; they let them understand that there has lately appeared they know not what kind of sect, which professes itself an enemy to the immortal gods; which has sworn their ruin, and has no other view than to substitute in their place another God whom it adores: that a certain Saturnin is the head of that sect at Tholouse, who passes often by the capitol; and that the sight of him who seems to insult the gods that inhabit there, has undoubtedly provoked them, and this has great appearance of being the cause of their silence; now there is but one way to appease them, which is to put thit

impious man to death.

O blind folly! O unhappy error! how couldst thou perswade reasonable minds, that a man could frighten the gods, and that to avoid his presence, those poor divinities trembling and distracted banish themselves from their temple? Miserable as you are, why then do you

feek to kill that man? Go rather and adore him: he certainly deserves your homages better than those gods that tremble before him. Do you not see that they own him for their master? At least he uses them as his slaves. What an extravagance is it to sear those that are asraid, and not to sear him that makes himself be feared?

However their minds are disturbed with different motions; fome are surprised at that event; others complain of their misfortune, and regret the absence of their gods, or fear their wrath. The people draw near, being curious to know the cause of this prodigy. They dispose all things for an extraordinary sacrifice; a bull is chosen out of a hundred of the best; he is a victim worthy to be offered to Jupiter, and every one hopes that by this enterprise the gods being appealed with the beauty of the facrifice, would return to their ancient abode, and at last would break their long and obstinate filence. Every thing was ready, and they were going to begin, when some one of the croud perceiving. Saturnin as he went to his little chu ch for the office of the day, (for it was a festival) cried out : behold the enemy of our gods is coming, the chief of the new religion: that is the man who preaches every where that our gods are but devils, and that their temples must be beaten down; he is the cause that our oracles no longer speak, and that we can gain no answer from them. The gods deliver him very properly to us, and it will only depend on us to revenge the wrong he does us, and also to revenge our gods of the injury they receive from him. He must either give them his life to rejoice them, or offer incense to appeale them.

APRIL has XXX Days.

I Saturday abst of the octave sd white.

3 Mon-

² Low-SUNDAY gr d white. Vespers of the first of the Annuaciation with comm. of Sunday.

3 Monday ANNUNCIATION of BV Mary d 2 cl white. (25 March) Vespers the second of it, with comm. of S. Isidore, at Magnif. O Doctor.

4 Tuesday, S. Isidore BCD d white.

- 5 Wednesday, S. Vincent Ferrer C d white.
- 6 Thursday, S. Joseph patriarch C d 2 cl white. (19 March) n M 5 e.

7 Friday abst. S. Benedict Ab C d white. (21 March) 8 Saturday abst. S. Francis de Paula C d white. (2 inst.)

9 2 SUNDAY after Easter, sid white. Vespers of it, with comm. of the cross, as at the end of the Sunday Vespers.

10 Monday, of the feria, white.

- 11 Tuesday, S. Leo PCD d white.
- 12 Wednesday, of the feria, white. Term begins.
- 13 Thursday, S. Hermenegild M sd red. M f q 8 m.

14 Friday abst. S. Tiburtius &c. M red.

- 15 Saturday abst. of our B Lady, subite.
 16 3 SUNDAY after Easter, sid subite. Vespers of it, with comm. of S. Anicete, and the comm. of the cross.
- 17 Monday, S. Anicete PM red.

18 Tuesday, of the feria, white.

19 Wednesday, of the feria, white.

20 Thursday, of the feria, white.

21 Friday abst. S. Anselm. BCD d white. f M 1 m.

22 Saturday abst. SS. Soter and Caius BM fd red.

23 4 SUNDAY after Easter, S. GEORGE M patron of Engl. d 1 cl red. Vespers the second of him, comm. of Sunday.

24 Monday, of the oct. of S. George, fd red.

25 Tuesday, S. Mark Evang. d 2 cl red. (The long Litanies are to be said, with abstinence of precept. purple.)

26 Wednesday, S. Cletus &c. BM id red.

- 27 Thursday, of the Ostave, fd red.
- 28 Friday abst. of the octave, sd red.

29 Saiurday abst. S. Peter M d red.

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30 5 SUN-

30 5 SUNDAY after Easter, octave-day of S. George M d red. Vespers the first of S. Philip and James, comm. of S. George, only.

The Ads of S. Saturnin continued.

HE spoke, and at the same time the multitude heated by that seditious discourse, surrounded the holy bishop. He saw himself suddenly abandoned by a priest and two deacons that accompanied him, and instantly led to the capitol. And as they urged him to facrifice to the idols, he lifted up his voice and faid: I adore but one God, who is the only and true God, and am ready to immolate victims of praise to him. As to your gods, they are but devils, which take far greater pleafure in the sacrifice of your souls, than in those of your bulls. Moreover, why would you have me to fear them, fince you own yourselves that they tremble before me. These words pronounced with all the zeal of an apostolic man, compleated to put that people in a fury; they took the bull that was defigned for the facrifice, and made use of him for a minister of cruelty; they put a cord about his body to which they fastened Saturnin by the feet; then violently goading the furious animal, he cast himself headlong from the top of the capitol, and dragged the holy bishop after him. But in the first fall the head was dashed to pieces, the brains flew about, and the uppermost steps were covered with blood. The body was totally bruiled, and the foul recovered its liberty. lesus Christ received it, and crowned it with immortal laurels. However the bull continued to drag the body deprived of fense and incapable of pain, till the cord breaking left it fretched upon the fand, where fuch burial was given him as the conjuncture would permit. For the few christians that were then in Tholouse, not daring, by reason of the pagans, to pay those last do-

ties to their bishop; two women surmounting the weakness of their sex, and triumphing over that of men, by a faith full of fortitude and generofity, and after the example of their holy pastor, despising the torments to which they exposed themselves; two women, I say, put the body of the bleffed martyr into the coffin, and laid it in a deep grave, thinking much less on erecting a temb for him, than on hiding his precious spoils from the facrilegeous hatred of men. They continued fometime unknown to men under a vile turf, but known to God, and honoured by the holy angels, till St. H.lary, who was placed upon the fee of Thouloufe many years after, having caused them to dig to the coffin, discovered that treasure; but not daring to touch those sacred relics, he contented himself with enclosing them hastily in a vault of bricks, which however he had the precaution to cover with earth, that they might not be exposed to the profanation of the infidels, and built a small chapel of wood over the whole. But as many faithful in process of time had the devotion to be buried near the body of the holy martyr, that place was filled with tombs; which made S. Sylvius the fuccessor of S. Hilary undertake the plan of a beautiful and spacious church, thinking to transfer the relics of S. Saturnin thither. He begun the work, but death prevented his finishing it. That glory was reserved to S. Exuperius, who succeeded S. Sylvius. That prelate, whose extraordinary merit and rare virtues, not only equalled all his predecessors, and all the other prelates of his age, but rendered him not even inferiour to the great Saturnin, happily put the last hand to that superb edifice. However as he made some difficulty to transport the body of the holy bishop thither, not that he wanted faith, but thro' a motive of respect, he was admonished in a dream to delay no longer the execution o his first project; moreover that the souls of the faints were not apprehensive, that their blessed rest should be interinterrupted by the diminution which might happen to their ashes, or by any motion their bodies might receive; that on the contrary, what would be advantageous to the sanctification of the faithful, must be most glorious to the holy martyrs. This vision having encouraged S. Exuperius, he immediately presented a request to the most religious emperor for permission to make that translation; which he obtained without difficulty from the piety of the prince; and the ceremony was performed with a magnificence proportioned to the glory to which S. Saturnin was raised, and worthy of the piety of S. Exuperius.

MAY bas XXXI days.

Monday abst. Rogation, SS. PHILIP and JAMES Ap d 2 cl red. (This, and the two days following the long litanies are said, purple.) Vespers the second of them, with commemoration of S. Athanasius, O Doctor.

Tuesday, abst. Rogation, S. Athanasius BCD d

white.

3 Wednesday abst. Rogation and vigil, The INVEN-TION, or finding, of the holy CROSS, d 2 cl red. Vespers the first of the Ascension, with commemoration of the Invention.

4 Thursday, The ASCENSION of our Lord d 1 cl white. (after the gespel the paschal candle is extinguished and taken away.) Vespers the second of it, with

comm. of S. Catharine.

5 Friday abst. S. Catharine of Siena V d white.

6 Saturday abst. S. John Ap before the Latin gate gr d

red. n M 1 m.

7 SUNDAY within the octave, S. Stanislaus BM d red. Vespers the first of S. Michael, with comm. of S. Stanislaus, of Sunday, and of the octave.

8 Mon-

- 8 M. nday, the Apparition of S. Michael gr d white.
 Term ends.
- 9 Tuesday S. Greg. Nazianzen BCD d white.
- 10 Wednesday S. Antonine BC fd wh te.
- 11 Thursday octave of Ascension gr d white. 12 Friday abst. S. Neri. &c. M id red M f q 5 e.
- 13 Saturday fast, vigil of Pentecost sd red.
- 14 WHIT-SUNDAY d 1 cl red. Vespers of it. A plenary indusgence, and till Trinity Sunday inclusive.
- 15 WHIT-MONDAY di clrd. Vespers of it.
- 16 WHIT-TUESDAY d 1 cl red. Vespers of it.
- 17 Wednesday fast, Ember-day, of the oct. fd red.
- 18 Thursday of the octave fd red.
- 19 Friday fast Ember-day, of the oct. fd red.
- 20 Saturday fast Ember-day, of the cet. sd red. f M ; e.
- 21 TRINITY-SUNDAY d 2 cl a bite. Vespers of it, comm. of S. Monica, and of Sunday.
- 22 Monday S. Monica wid d white. (4 inft.)
- 23 Tuesday S. Peter Celest. PC d white. (19 inft)
- 24 Wedn Sday S. Pius 5 PC fd aubite. (11 inft.)
- of it, comm. of S. Augustine.

 A plenary Indulgence, and during the offave.
- 26 Friday fast, S. Augustine BC Apost. of England d 2 cl with an oct. white. Term begins.
- 27 Saturday abst. S. Philip Neri C d white.
- 28 2 SUNDAY after Pentecost, within the octave, sd white. Vespers of it, commem. of Corpus Christi, and of S. Augustine. M 1 q 5 e.
- 29 Monday of the oct. of Corpus Christi, fd aubite.
- 30 Tuesday of the octave sid awhite.
- 31 Wednesday of the octave sd white.

An abridgement of the life and martyrdom of S. Alexander bishop of Jerusalem, Anno 251.

WE have not the acts of S. Alexander, bishop of Jerusalem and martyr; but we have thought proper

of the different particulars of his life and death, which we have taken from Eufebius, and other ancient authors

of ecclefiaftic history.

We know nothing positive of his country, nor of the manner in which he spent the former years of his life; and the first view historians give us of him is in chains, combatting for Jesus Christ, under the reign and during the persecution of Severus, about the year 204. Moreover, we should have sufficient inclination to believe that he was bishop at that time in the province of Cappadocia, if this opinion could be reconciled to a letter which he then wrote from his prison to the people of Antioch, on account of the ordination of Asclepiades, in which he does not take the title of a bishop, but merely that of

a fervant and prisoner of Jesus Christ.

After the death of Severus, peace being restored to the church and Alexander then a bishop, but we know not the name of his church, he took a journey to ferusalem, to pay his vows to the tomb of our Lord. He arrived there at the time that Narciffus, bishop of that holy city, was returned to his church after a very long absence, and governed it at nearly the age of a hundred That holy old man thinking he had no longer fufficient strength to bear the heavy burthen of episcopacy alone, cast his eyes upon Alexander, to lay a part of it upon him. The thing succeeded as he had projected it; Alexander was retained at Jerusalem. and with the applause of the clergy and people placed upon the fame fee with Narcissus by the bishops of the province. In truth it was necessary that heaven should declare in favour of that election by divine revelations, which induced the people and the clergy to make it, and by divers miracles which confirmed it. And certainly a thing fo extraordinary as that, and fo plainly oppofite to the canons and to use, ought to have like warrants not to be condemned by the other churches; which happened

hppened in this manner, as Eulebius relates, " Narciffus being no longer able to acquit himself of his pastoral charge, because of his extreme old age, Alexander bishop of another church was advertised by revelation in a dream to come to relieve him. This Alexander being come from Cappadocia, where he had been raised to the episcopal dignity, to make his prayers at Jerusalem, and to visit the holy places, the brethren of that church received him with great humanity, and did not permit him to return to his own country. For they themselves had had a revelation, and the most eminent in holiness had beard a voice, which had admonished them to go without the gates of the city, and receive the bishop whom God had destined for them. The faithful of Ferusalem. having obeyed that voice with the confent of the bishops of the neighbouring churches, they obliged Alexander to stay with them. It is certain Alexander speaks in his letters to the Antinoites, that he preserved the episcopal dignity. which he possessed jointly with Narcissus. For he fays at the end of one: " Narcissus who governed this church before me, and is with me by the communion of prayers, being a hundred and fixteen years old, falutes you, and exhorts you with me, to have all but one and the same sentiment. Serapion bishop of Antioch being dead, Asclepiades who had rendered himself very celebrated among the faithful, by the constancy with which he confessed the faith during the persecution, succeeded him in the government of that church. Alexander speaks thus of his ordination in a letter to the inhabitants of Antioch: " Alexander a servant of God, and a captive of Jesus Christ, to the blessed church of Antioch, salvation in our Lord. God has diminished the weight of my chains in my prison, fince I have learnt that Afilepiades, a man very recommendable by the merit of his faith, has been raised by order of divine providence to the episcopal see of your most holy church". He testifies that he fent his letter by Clement; I fend you, my

my brethren, this letter by the bleffed priest Clement, a man of a tried virtue, whom you already know, and will know still better hereafter. So long as he has been amongst us, by the permission of God, he has laboured continually for the confirmation and increase of the holy church".

JUNE bas XXX Days.

1 Thursday octave of Corpus Christi gr d white.
2 Frid y fast, octave of S. Augustine d white.

3 Saturday abst. S. Ubald BC id white.

4 3 SUNDAY after Pent fd green. Vepers of it, comm. of S. Venantius, with the common commemorations. n M 7 m.

5 Monday S. Venantius, M fd red. (18 May)

6 Tuesday S. Norbert BC sd aubite,

- 7 Wednesday S. Bernardine C sd white (20 May)
- 8 Thursday S. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi V sd aubite. (25 May)

9 Friday fast, S. Primus and Felician M red.

- 10 Saturday abit. S. Margaret Q of Scots wid id aubite-
- Vespers the second of him, comm. of S. John, of Sunday, and of S. Basilides. M f q 5 m.

12 Monday S. John a S Facundo C d white.

- 13 Tuesday S Anthony of Padua C d white.
- 14 Wednesday S. Basil BCD d white. Term ends.

15 Thursday S. Vitus &c. M red. 16 Friday fast, of the feria, green.

17 Saturday abit. of our B Lady, white.

- of S. Julian, comm. of Sunday, and of S. Gervale, &c.
- 19 Monday S. Julian of Fa'coner V d white. f M 9 m.

20 Tuesday S. Sylverius PM red.

21 Wed-

- 21 Wednesday of the feria, green.
- 22 Thursday S. Paulin BC white.
- 23 Friday fast, of the vigil, purple.
- Vespers the second of him, comm. of Saturday,

 Anth Observo Domine &c.
- 25 6 SUNDAY after Pent. fd white. Vespers the first of S. John &c. comm. of Sunday, and of the octave.
- 26 Monday S. John and Paul MM d red.
- 27 Tuesday of the oct. sd white. M 1q 1 m.
- 28 Wednesday fast, S. Leo 11 BC sd wbite.
- 29 Thursday SS. PETER and PAUL Ap d : cl red. Vespers the second of them, without any commemoration
- 30 Friday fast, the commemoration of S. Paul Ap d red.

The martyrdom of S. Alexander continued.

Rufin is very large upon these revelations: for after speaking of the arrival of S. Alexander at Jerusalem, he adds that heaven declared its will in an evident manner by revelations and miraculous signs, not only to the blessed Narcissus, but also to several people, and that which appeared the most manifest and resplendant was this. The day that Alexander was to come to Jerusalem, many faithful being gone out of one of the gates of the city to receive him, they heard distinctly a voice coming from heaven, which uttered these words: receive him for your bishop whom God himself has destined you.

But it was not only these prodigies and revelations which contributed to raise S. Alexander to the episcopal see of Jerusalem; the glerious confession which he had made of the name of Jesus Christ, was not a less powerful motive to determine the bishops and people to it. Eusebius has taken care to shew us this motive, at the

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fame time that he marks the year of this event. Severus, fays that historian, having held the empire eighteen years, left it by his death to his fon Antonine, surnamed Caracalla, for the whimsical manner in which he commonly drest himself. It was then that Alexander, of the number of those that had generously combatted during the persecution, and by a particular providence had survived the cruelty of the executioners, and the rigour of torments, was raised to the episcopacy in consideration of that generous and faithful perseverance in confessing Jesus Christ, tho' Narcissus the bishop of it was yet alive.

Moreover, the canonifts observe in this ordination two confiderable defects, and directly opposite to ecclefiastic discipline; first, because Alexander was translated from one see to another; secondly, because he was given as a successor to the bishop Narcissus even in his life time, or at least for a coadjutor, there having not yet been any example of this kind of f bilitutions in the church. And beho'd from when e may be taken the origin of coadjutors, which are now a little more frequent than they were at that time. In truth Alexander ought rather to be called the fuccessor than coadjutor of Narcissus, as M. de Valois chierves, and as Alexander himself seems to infinuate in his letter to the people of Antinoe. Narcissus, says he, falutes you, who before me fo worthily filled the fee of Jerusalem; from whence it may be concluded, that the name of a bishop, and the honours of episcopacy were preserved to Narcissus, but that Alexander had the authority and jurisdiction thereof, and that he had exercised it, not in the name of the old bishop, which coadjutors do at present, but in his own name, and by the right of his election and confecration. After all, we must fincerely confess, that almost all the ancient authors have said that Alexander was the adjunct of Narcissus, and his collegue in the bishopric of Jerusalem.

Moreover, tho' the canons, to repress the ambition

or avarice of ecclesiastics, had forbidden this sort of translations from one see to another, and that coadjutors should be given to bishops, for fear that the same church should have two spouses living at the same time; yet when an urgent necessity seemed to require it, and without having regard to the utility of particulars, they had no other view but the necessities of the church: then the bishops assembled in a provincial council might dispense with these rules, as it appears by many ex-

amples in ecclefiaftic history.

God crowned the labours which Alexander had undergone for many years in the government of his two churches with a glorious martyrdom: for Philip, who was always favourable to the christians, after holding the empire seven years, having Decius for his successor, that new emperor in hatred of Philip, excited a new persecution against the church. In which Fabian being taken from Rome by martyrdom, Cornelius was substituted bishop in his place. Having afterwards spread Into Palestine, Alexander was cited before the president of the province. Having there obtained a new glory by confessing Jesus Christ a second time, he was thrown into prison, tho' his white hair, and the purity of his manners rendered him venerable to every body, where he expired after having persevered unto the end, in the authentic testimony he gave more than once in full tribunal to the truth of the christian religion.

JULY bas XXXI Days.

1 Saturday octave of S. John Baptist d white.

3 Monday of the octave of the apostles, sd red. n M 3 e.

4 Tuesday of the octave, sd red.

5 Wed-

^{2 7} SUNDAY after Pent. The vifitation of our B. Lady grd white. Vespers the second of it, comm. of Sunday, and of the apostles.

5 Wednesday of the octave sd red.

6 Thursday octave day of apostles d red.

7 Friday fast, of the feria, green.

8 Satu day abst. S. Elizabeth wid fd white.

- 9 8 SUNDAY after Pent. fd green. Vespers of it, comm. of the seven brethren, and the common commemorations.
- 10 Monday the seven brethren MM sd red. M f q 7 e.

11 Tuefday S. Pius PM red.

12 Wednesday S. John Gualbert Ab C d white.

13 Thurlany S. Anaclete PM fd red.

- 14 Friday fast, S. Bonaventure BCD d white. 15 Saturday abst. S. Henry Emp. C sd white.
- 16 9 SUNDAY after Pent. our B Lady of mount Carmel, gr d white Vefpers the second of it, comm. of Sunday, and of S. Alexius

17 Monday, S. Alexius C fd red.

18 Tuesday S. Camillus de Lellis C st white. f M 10 n.

19 Wednesday S. Vincent a Paulo C d white.

20 Thursday S. Margaret VM red. 21 Friday fast, S. Praxede V white.

22 Saturday abst. S. Mary Magdalen d white.

Vespers the second of him, comm. of Sunday, and of S. Christina VM.

24 Monday fast, of the vigil, purple.

- 25 Tuesday, S. JAMES Ap d 2 cl red. Vespers the second of him, comm of S. Anne.
- 26 Wednesday, S. ANNE. wid gr d white. Vespers the second of her, comm. of S. Pantaleon. M 1 q 7 m.

27 Thursday S. Pantaleon M red.

28 Friday fast, S. Nazary &c. MM fd red.

29 Saturday abst. S. Maitha V sd white.

30 11 SUNDAY after Pent. sd green. Vespers the first of S. Ignatius, comm. of Sunday.

31 Monday, S. Ignatius of Loyola Cd white.

The Acts of S. Acatius bishop and martyr; or an account of what passed between him and the consul Martian, concerning the christian religion, Anno 250.

TARTIAN, a confular personage, and a declared fmall city in his government, commanded that the bishop of it should be brought to him. His name was Acacius, and his episcopal vigour, joined to an universal charity, had obtained him the surname of the buckler and refuge of the country. When that holy man had been introduced into the presence of Martian, that governour faid to him: fince you have the happiness to live under the protection of the Roman laws, you are obliged to love and honour our princes, who are the protectors of the same laws. Accacins answered Martian: know, that of all the subjects of the empire, there are none that love and honour the emperor more than the christians. We pray without discontinuing for his person, and we beg of God in our prayers that he may grant him a long life, full of happy fuccels, and enriched with all manner of bleffings; that he may give him the spirit of justice and of wildom, to govern his people; and that his whole reign may continue in a flourishing peace, and joy and abundance be maintained in all the provinces of his obedience. Martian replied, that is very commendable; but that the emperor may be more strongly persuaded of your sidelity, and of your zeal for his person, come and offer a sacrifice to him with Accacius: I have told you that I offer my vows for the fafety of the prince to my God, who is the only and true God; but with regard to the prince, he cannot require any facrifice of us, neither ought we to offer him any: for in fine that which is called facrifice is not due to man whatsoever he be. Martian: answer me; what God then do you adore, that we on our fide may also present our vows and our incense to him? Accaeius: I wifh

wish with all my heart that you knew him. Martian: teach me his name. Accacius: he calls himself the God of Abrobam, of Isaac, and of Jacob. Martian: are those gods also? Acacius: no, undoubtedly; they are men, to whom God has truly spoken. There is but he alone that is God, and he alone ought to be adored, feared, and loved. Martian: what in fine is that God? Acacius: Adonai the most high, who is feated above the Cherubims and the Seraphims. Martian: what is a Seraphim? Acacius: he is one of the ministers of the most high God, and one of the chief lords of the heavenly court, that approaches nearest the throne.

AUGUST has XXXI days.

1 Tuesday S. Peter in chains gr d white. n M 11 n.

2 Wednesday S. Stephen PM red.

3 Thursday, the finding of S. Stephen proto martyr sd

4 Friday fast, S. Dominick C d white.

5 Saturday abst. S. Mary at Nives, gr d white

6 12 SUNDAY after Pent, the transfiguration of our Lord a gr d white. Vespers the second of it, commof S. Cajetan, of Sunday, and of S. Donatus BM.

7 Monday S. Cajetan C'd white.

8 Tuesday S. Cyriac &c. MM sd red. of Wednesday fast, of the vigil, purple.

10 Thursday S. LAURENCE M d 2 cl red. Vespers the second of him, comm. of S. Tiburtius &c.

11 Friday fast, of the octave, sid red. 12 Saturday abst. S. Clare V d wbite.

13 13 SUNDAY after Pent. sd red. Vespers of it, comm. of the octave, and of S. Eusebius.

14 Monday fast, of the octave, sd purple.

15 Tuesday, the ASSUMPTION of our B. Lady d i cl white. Vespers the second of it, comm. of S. Hya-

Hyacinth. A plenary Indulgence, and during the

16 Wednesday S. Hyacinth Cd white.

17 Thursday Octave of S. Laurence d red. f M 11 m:

18 Friday fast, of the oct. of Assumpt. id white.

19 Saturday abst. of the octave, sd white.

Vespers the second of him, comm. of S, Bernard, of Sunday, and of the octave.

21 Monday S. Bernard Ab C d white. (Yesterday)

22 Tuesday, Octave of Assumpt. gr d white.

23 Wednesday fast, S. Philip Benitius C d wbite.

24 Thursday, S. BARTHOLOMEW Apd 2 cl red. Vespers second of him, comm. of S. Lewis. M 1 q

25 Friday fast, S. Lewis KC sd white. I as hop whiten

26 Saturday abst. of our B. Lady, white.

27 15 SUNDAY after Pent. Id green. Vespers the first of S. Augustine, comm. of Sunday, and of S. Hermes.

28 Monday S. Augustine BCD d white.

29 Tuesday, the decollation or beheading, of S. John Baptist, d red:

30 Wednesday S. Rofe of Lima, V d white.

31 Thursday, S. Raymund Nonnatus C d white. n M

The A&s of S. Acacius continued.

ARTIAN: what vain dispute of philosophy deceives thee? For sake all those invisible things, and rather adore the gods that thou can't see and know. Acacius: tell me then in your turn, what those gods are to which you would have me facrifice. Martian: Apollo, the saviour, and deliverer of men; that can preserve us from famine, pestilence, and the other scourges;

that illuminates, rules, and governs the universe. Acaciro: Apollo, co you fay? What that young fool, who distracted with the love of a young girl, run after her, without foreseeing that he should lose her that very moment for ever. It is certain he was not a prophet, fince he knew not what was to befal him: much less was he a god, fince he was deceived by a girl. But this was not the only misfortune that happened to him, nor the only folly that he committed. As he loved pretty boys, he conceived a detestable passion for the handsome Hyacinth, as every body knows; and he was auckward enough to break that pretty minion's head, with the same pall with which he was playing with him. Was it not also that god, who with Neptune, such another god as he, that became a mason, and hired himself to a king, to build the walls of a city? It was also he that, being driven from heaven, and having not one penny, betook himself to keep the flocks of king Admetus, And would you oblige me to offer facrifices to fuch a divinity? Would you not also have me to offer them to Esculapius, the' thunder-struck by Jupiter; to Venus, in spite of her libertine life, and her infamous loves; and to a hundred other such like monsters, to whom you facrifice yourselves. Do not think that the fear of lofing my life amidst the most frightful punishments, can ever make me resolve to adore those whom I would blush to imitate; for whom I have nothing but contempt and horror. Tell me, if any one in your government having committed the like crimes, should attempt to justify himself by the example of your gods, would you have so much respect and complaisance for them as to fend him back absolved? And yet you adore in your gods what you would severely punish in men. Martian: I know it is common to you christians, to vomit horrid injuries against the majesty of our gods; therefore I will have you come just now with me to the temple of Jupiter and Juno, to pay them what is due

to those great divinities, in a religious banquet, which we will make there to their honour. Acacius: very fine, I shall go to sacrifice to a man whose grave is still to be seen in the isle of Crete. What, is he risen again?

SEPTEMBER has XXX days.

1 Friday fast, S. Giles Ab C white.

2 Saurday abst. S. Stephen KC fd white.

3 16 SUNDAY after Pent. fd g een. Vespers of it, with the common commemorations.

4 Monday of the feria, green.

5 Tuefday S. Laurence Justin. BC sd white.

6 Wednesday o the feria green.

7 Thursday fast, of the feria green
8 Friday abst. the NATIVITY of our B. Lady d 2 cl white. Vespers the second of it, comm. of S. Gorgonius M. M f q 5 m.

9 Saturday abst. of the octave, sd white.

- Mary gr d white. Vespers the second of it, with comm. of S. Nicholas, of Sunday, and of S. Protus &c.
- 11 Monday S. Nicholas Tolent. Cd white. (10)

12 Tuesday, of the octave, sd white.
13 Wednesday of the octave sd white.

14 Thursday, exaltation of H. Cross, gr d red.

15 Friday fast, octave of Nat. BVM gr d white.

16 Saturday abst. S. Cornelius &c. BM sd red.

- 17 18 SUNDAY after Pent. sd green. Vespers of it, comm. of S. Thomas, and the common commemorations.
- 18 Monday S. Thomas a villa nova BC fd white.

19 Tuesday S Januarius &c. M d red

20 Wednesday fast, Ember day, S. Eustachius &c. M. d red.

d red.

21 Thursday, S. MATTHEW Ap and Evang. d 2 cl red. Vespers second of him, comm. of the stigma's, and of S. Maurice.

22 Friday fast Ember day, the stigmas of S. Francis,

Id white. Mlq6e.

23 Satur ay fast Ember day, S. Linus PM sd red.

24 19 SUNDAY after Pent. S. Mary of Mercy gr d white. Vespers the second of it, comm. of Sunday.

25 Monday of the feria, green.

26 Tue/day S. Cyprian &c. M red. 27 Wednesday S. Co mas &c. M sd red.

28 Thursday S. Winceslaus M fd red.

29 Friday abst S. MICHAEL Arch. d 2 cl awhite. Vespers the second of him, comm. of S. Jerome. O Doctor. n M 10 n.

30 Saturday, S. Jerome CD d white.

The Asts of S. Acacius continued.

ARTIAN: all this is to no purpose, thou must either facrifice, or die. Acacius: this is just as the robbers do in Dalmatia in the defiles of the mountains, towards the poor travellers whose unhappy deftiny brings them that way; they demand either their purfe, or their life; they must leave the one or the other. Even so here, I must either lose my life, or commit a crime. I declare to you that I fear nothing, apprehend nothing; the laws punish adulterers, thieves, and murtinerers. If I were guilty of any of these crimes, I should be the first to condemn and punish myself, without waiting for your judgment; but if all my crime be in adoring the true God, and if for this alone I should be led to punishment, it will not be the law that condemns me, but the injustice of the judge. One of our prophets that was a king, cries out in

in more than one p'ace : (Pf 13. and 52.) they have all turned from the good way; they are all become unprofitable; there is not one that does good, there is not so much as one. It is written in another of our facred books: (Matt. vii.) as you judge, so shall you be judged; and as you do to others, so it shall be done to you. Martian: I have no orders to judge, but to constrain. Therefore if thou dost not obey voluntarily, I know well how to make thee obey by force. Acac us: and as to my part, I have also received a command, which I intend to observe; and that is, not to renounce my God. If you think you are obliged to execute the orders of a frail and mortal man, who shall quickly depart from this world, and be the food of worms; what ought my fidelity and exactness to le in obeying a God. whose duration is eternal, and his power infinite; and who has pronounced this terrible sentence against those that should renounce him: (Matt. x. 33.) he that shall deny me before men, I will also deny him before my father, who is in heaven; when I shall come with glory and power to judge the living and the dead.

OCTOBER bas XXXI days.

B. Lady, gr d white. Vespers the second of it, comm. of angel guardians, and of Sunday.

2 Monday, Angel-guardians d white.

3 Tuesday of the feria, grien.

4 Wednftay S. Francis of Affifium, Cd white.

5 Thursday, S. Placide &c. M red. 6 Friday talt, S. Bruno C d white.

7 Saturday abit. of our B. Laty, while.

8 21 SUNDAY after Pent. S. Brigit wid d white. Vespers the second of her, with commem. of Sunday, and of S. Denis &c. Mfq1 m. 9 Monday S. Denis &c. M fd red.

10 Tuesday S. Francis Borgia C sd white.

11 Wednesday of the feria, green.

- 12 Thursd y of the feria, green.
- 13 Friday fast, S. Edward KC d 2 cl, with an octave, white.

14 Saturday abst. S. Callistus PM fd red.

Vespers the second of her, with comm. of Sunday, and of the octave of S. Edward. fM 10 m.

16 Monday of the octave, Id white.

- 17 Tuesday S. Hedwige wid sd white.
- 18 Wednesday S Luke Evang d 2 cl red.
 19 Thursday S. Peter de Alcant. C d wh te.
- 20 Friday fast, octave of S. Edward d white.

21 Saturday abit. S. Urfula &c. VM gr d red.

22 23 SUNDAY after Pent. sd green. Vespers of it, with the common commemorations. Mlq1m.

23 Monday of the feria, green. 24 Tuesday of the feria, green.

25 Wedrefday S. Chryfanthus &c. M red.

26 Thursday S. Evaristus PM red. 27 Friday fast, of the vigil, purple.

28 Saturday abst. S. SIMON and S. JUDE Ap d 2 cl red. Vespers the second of them, with comm. of S. Bede, and of Sunday, Anth. Vidi Dominum &c. the prayer as on the third Sunday after Epiphany.

Vespers the second of him, with comm of Sunday, as on the third Sunday after Epiph. n M 2 e.

30 Monday of the feria, green.

31 Tuesday fast, of the vigil, purple.

The Ads of S. Acacius continued.

MARTIAN: you have very properly declared this error of your fect, which I have long had a defire

fire to know. You say then that God has a son. cius: yes, he has a son. Martian: and who is that fon of God? Acaeius . the word of grace and truth. Martian: is that his name? Acacius: you had not asked me his name, but what was his power. Martian: ah! well then his name. Acacius: it is Jesus Christ. Martian: by what woman had God that fon? Acacius: God begot not his fon in the manner of men. Much more, when God created the first man, he formed him a body of a little earth, and afterwards breathed into him foul and life, For do not think that this divine majesty, who is a pure spirit, defiles his infinite purity by the commerce of a mortal woman. Thus the son of God, the word of truth, proceeded from the underflanding of God: this is expressed in the divine books in these terms: (Pf. 44.) my heart has produced a good word. Martian: has God therefore a body? Acacius: he alone knows himself; as to our parts, we cannot fay what form he has, because it is invisible. We content ourselves with acknowledging and adoring his sovereign power. Martian: if God had not a body, how do you give him a heart? For every thing that has fense ought necessarily to have members. Acacius: wildom fubfifts independently of corporal organs, God is the principle of it. And what necessity, I pray you, has the understanding of a body? Martian: let us return to the point: consider the Cataphrygians, they are people that profess an ancient religion; but now they have renounced their old errors, and have joined us to offer facrifice to our gods. Believe me, haften to do as much, affemble all the christians of the catholic law. and follow with them the religion of our emperors. Let all the people that depend on thy will come with thee. Acacius: it is not me that these people obey, but they are governed by the precept of God. Thus they will hearken willingly to me when I teach them just and reasonable things, and such as are not opposite

to the law of God; but they will all abandon me, and have nothing but contempt for my words if they should discover that they are contrary to the same divine law, and that I seek to pervert them.

NOVEMBER bas XXX Days.

1 Wednesday, ALL SAINTS d 1 cl white. Vespers the second of them, after Benedicamus Domino, the Vespers of the Dead are to be said, as a double, without the Psalm at the end, with the Prayer, O God the creator, &c.

A plenary Indulgince, and during the octave.

2 Thursday, The commemoration of all the faithful departed, d black.

3 Friday fast, of the octave id white.

4 Saturday abst S. Charles, BC d white.

5 25 SUNDAY after Pent. fd white. Vespers of it, as on the fourth Sunday a ter Epiph. with comm. of the octave of all Saints.

6 Monday of the oct. Id white. Term begins. M fq 7 e.

7 Tuesday of the octave, sd white.

8 Wednesday Octave of all Saints d white.

9 Thursday, the Dedication of our Saviour's church at Rome, d white.

10 Friday fast, S. Andrew Avel. C fd avhite.

11 Saturday abst S. Martin BC d white.

on the fifth Sunday after Fpiph. with comm. of S. Didace, and the common comm.

13 Monday S. Didace C fd white.

14 Tuelday S. Martin PM fd red. (12 inft.)

15 Wednesday S. Gertrude V d white. 16 Thursday of the feria, green.

17 Friday fast, S. Gregory BC fd wb te.

18 Saturday abst. the Dedication of the church of the Apostles

Apostles d white.

Vespers the first of S. Edmund, comm. of S. Elizabeth, and of Sunday, Anth. Simile est. as on the sixth Sunday after Epiph.

20 Monday S. Edmund KM grd red. Mlqnn.

21 Tuesday, the Presentation of our B. Lady gr d white.

22 Wednesday, S. Cecily VM d red. 23 Thursday, S. Clement PM sd red.

- 24 Friday fast, S. John a Cruce C sd white. 25 Saturday abst. S. Catherine VM d red.
- 26.28 SUNDAY and the last after Pent. S. Felix Valois C d white. Vespers the second of him, comm. of Sunday, as on the 24th after Pent.

27 Monday of the feria, green.

28 Tuesday of the feria, green. Term ends. n M 8 m.

29 Wednesday fast, of the vigil, purple.

30 Thursday, S. ANDREW Ap d 2 cl red. Vespers the second of him.

The Acts of S. Acacius. concluded.

their names are written in heaven, and in the facred registers of God. Do you think that the eyes of a mortal man can read characters made by the hand of God himself: Martian: where are the other magicians thy companions, those dextrous impostors, who like thee make profession of that deceitful art? Acacius: we have obtained and do obtain all things of God; but there is none in the world has a greater horror of magician than the christians. Martian: what else is that new religion which you introduce, but magic and enchantments? Acacius: do you call that enchantment which we do to your gods, which we often throw down with a single word, and degrade them from that high rank in which you had placed them, depriving

them of that divinity which they received from you. For in fine, those poor gods would remain imperfect, if wood or stone should happen to fail the artist that makes As to our parts, we do not fear him that we have fabricated with our hands; but we fear him that has formed us with his own; who has created us as the master and Lord of nature; who has loved us as a good father; and has fnatched us from death and hell as a careful and affectionate pastor. Martian: give me, I tell you, the names that I alk you, lest a second refusal should cost you dear. Acacius: I appear before you, and you alk me my name : you have also a mind to know the names of the other ministers of the Lord. Do you think you can difarm many of them, you that cannot refift a fingle one. Well, if you are so defirous of knowing names, I am called Acacius; and if you will ftill know more, they call me Agathangel, and my two companions, Pifo, bishop of the Trojans, and Menandre, priest of that church. Do now what you please. Martian: you shall be kept in prison, till I have informed the emperor of your fentiments, and I shall expect his orders concerning you. The emperor Decius having read this relation, could not hinder himfelf from admiring the lively answers, and full of fire and justness, of the holy bishop Acacius. And turning all this dispute into rallery, he notwithstanding recompensed Martian with the government of Pamphilia; but he permitted Acacius the free profession of his religion. These things were done by Martian the consul, Decius being emperor, on the fourth calands of April, that is the 29th of March.

DECEMBER bas XXXI Days.

¹ Friday fast, of the feria, green.

² Saturday abst, S. Bibian VM fd red.

- 3 1 SUNDAY of ADVENT fd purple. Vespers the first of S. Peter Chrys. comm. of Sunday; and of S. Barbara V.
 - 4 Monday S. Peter Chryfologus BCD d white.
- 5 Tuesday S. Francis Xav. C d white. (3 inft.)
- 6 Wednesday S. Nicholas BC d white. Mf q n n.
- 7 Thursday S. Ambrose BCD d white.
- 8 Friday abst. the CONCEPTION of our B. Lady, d 2 cl white. Vespers the second of it, comm. of Friday in the first week of Advent.
- o Saturday abst. of the offave, sd white.
- 10 2 SUNDAY of Advent sd purple. Vespers of it, comm. of S. Damasus, and of the octave of the conception.
- DI Monday S. Damasus PC fd white.
- 12 Tuefday of the octave fd white.
- 13 Wednesday S. Lucy VM d red. f M 6 m.
- 14 Thursday of the octave sd white.
- 15 Friday fast, octave of the concept. gr d white.
- 16 Saturday abst. S. Eusebius BM sd red.
- 17 3 SUNDAY of Advent fd purple. Vespers of it, Anth. at Magnif. O Sapientia.
- 18 Monday of the feria, purple.
- 19 Tuesday of the feria, purple.
- 20 Wednesday fast, ember day and vigil, purple. M 1 q
- 21 Thursday, S. THOMAS Ap d 2 el red. Vespers the second of him, comm. of Thursday, Anth. O Oriens.
- 22 Friday fast, ember-day, of the feria, purple.
- 23 Saturday fast, ember-day, of Saturday, purple.
- of our Lord, purple. Vespers the first of the Nativity, at Compline Alma redemptoris &c. verse Post partum &c. Prayer Deus, qui salutis &c.
- 25 Monday, The NATIVITY of our B. LORD, dr cl white. Veipers the fecond of it, comm. of S. Stephen. A plenary Indulgence, and till the Epiph. inclusive. D 2 Tuesday

40 The Attestation of Sewen Greek Archbishops.

26 Tuesday, S. STEPHEN proto M d 2 cl red. Vespers the second of him, comm. of S. John, and of the Nativity.

27 Wednesday, S. JOHN Ap and Evang. d 2 cl white. Vespers the second of him, comm. of holy Innocents,

of the Nativity, and of S. Stephen.

28 Thursday, HOLY INNOCENTS MM d 2 cl purple. Vespers, the anthems and Psalms as in the second Vespers of the Nativity, the rest are the first Vespers of S. Thomas, little Chap. Beatus wir &c. as in the common of one martyr, with commemorations of Holy Innocents, and of the Nativity. n M 3 m.

29 Friday abst. S. THOMAS of Cant. BM d i cl red. Vespers the second of him, comm. of the Nativity.

30 Saturday abst. of the octave of the Nativity sid white.
31 SUNDAY within the octave, S. Silvester PC d white. Vespers are the first of the Circumcision, without any commemoration.

Next year 1770 Easter Sunday will be 15 April.

As many people imagine that the Greek or eastern church differs in religion from the western, to shew them the contrary, and that both churches profess and have the same belief, and especially in regard to the Eucharist, we have inserted the following attestation, with some extracts from the Oriental Liturgies.

The Attestation of seven Greek Archbishops of the East, concerning certain points of their belief.

THOSE seek the truth unprofitably, who do not fearch for its rivers by the evangelical sources; and endeavouring to establish it only by their own reasonings, and a vain philosophy, depart with just reason from the end which they have proposed to themselves, and fall into precipices, endeavouring at the same time

o draw their brethren therein with them. This is the property of the Calvinifts in France, who puffed up with vanity and boldness, impudently calumniate our eastern church, and boldly impose upon it the most notorious impostures, publishing every where that it agrees with their opinions, and confents to their fancies; the' nevertheless their absurd and extraord nary opinion concerning the bleffed facrament of the Eucharift, and some other points, has been treated with due contempt, and rejected by particular councils assembled at Constantinople, as illegitimate and unknown to the eastern church. Therefore the most illustrious and excellent ambassador of the most serene and most christian king of France, M. Charles Francis Olier. marquis de Nointel, having requested of us a true and fincere judgment upon the articles proposed to us: we undersigned have thought proper to fulfil so pious and lawful a request upon the fentiments of the eastern church.

And first, upon the blessed facrament of the Eucharist, we say that the living body of Jesus Christ, who was crucisied, ascended into heaven, and fits at the right hand of the father, is truly present in the Eucharist,

but invisibly.

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2. That the bread and wine, after the invocation of the priest, and the consecration, are changed from their own substance, into the true body and blood of Jesus Christ; and that the the accidents which remain are seen under the appearances of bread and wine, yet they are neither bread nor wine.

3. That the Eucharist is a sacrifice for the living and the dead, established by Jesus Christ, and which the

apostles have left to us by tradition.

4. That the body of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist is entirely eaten impassibly by those that receive it, whether worthy or unworthy; the worthy receive it for their salvation, and the unworthy to their condemnation; and that it is immolated without effusion of D 2

blood, and juftly adored as God.

5. That the church appoints fasts, and abstinence

from certain meats.

6. That christians pay to the virgin a veneration of hyperdulia, and to the faints that are in heaven a particular honour, without diminishing the adoration which is due to Jesus Christ.

7. That we must give a relative honour to the images of saints, and not adore them with the worship of

latria.

8. That we must honour and respect the Saints, as

having suffered for Jesus Christ.

9. I hat bishops by an order which God has established, are above priests, who receive divine grace by their ministry.

10. That episcopacy is necessary in the church of

fefus Chrift.

- 11. That the catholic church, built upon the foundation of the prophets and apostles, Jesus Christ being the corner stone of it, shall always be visible and infallible.
- 12. That baptism is necessary for all the children of the faithful to be saved.

13. That the vows of priefts and monks, and the

prayers they make, are agreeable to God.

14. That the books of Tobias, Judith, Wisdom, Ecclesiasticus, Baruch, and the Machabees, make a part of the holy Scripture, and are not rejected as those of the pagans.

15. That the eastern church also acknowledges seven

facraments, as it has learnt by tradition.

We children of the eastern church believe all these things with our heart, without any difficulty, and confess them with our mouth, having received the tradition which makes us believe thus, from the fathers and holy councils of all antiquity; and those that have other sentiments upon these points, are in a pernicious and preju-

prejudicial error. Besides this, they speak impudently in the fury which diffurbs them, against our orthodox confession, and against the church of the east, and murmur against it with the utmost insolence, endeavouring to shew that it is fallen into the opinions of obscure perfons, and has abandoned the customs and rules of its fathers, which the velliges of the fame fathers have authorifed, and the Synods have confirmed, as that of Conftantinople under the patriarch Cyril of Berce, and another a little after, under the patriarch Paribenius. furnamed the old, which condemned fome infamous articles under the name of Cyril Lucar, and rejected them as prodigies and falshoods agreeing with the whims of the Calvinifis. And the refutation of those headless chapters of Cyril, in which his falfitles were overthrown, was put in the archives of the great church. Therefore having figned, we certify all the articles above-mentioned to all those that believe and profess the true religion.

Given at Pera the 18th of July 1671. Signed, Bartholomew of Heraclea. Jeremy of Chalcedon. Methodius of Pissdia. Metrophanes of Cyzicus. Anthony of Athens. Foachim of Rhodes. And Neophetus of Nicomedia.

From the Liturgy of S. James, for Jerusalem.

A Lmighty God have mercy on us, O God our Saviour have mercy on us O God have mercy on us according to thy great mercy, and fend thy holy ghost upon us and upon these gists. That enlivening spirit who reigns with thee, who is consubstantial and coeternal with thee, O God the sather, and with thy only son, who has spoken in the law, in the prophets, and in thy new Testament; who appeared and remained in the form of a dove upon Jesus Christ our Lord at the river Jordan; who descended upon thy apostles in the form of fiery tongues in the chamber of the holy and glorious

glorious Sion; fend now that most holy ghost upon us and upon these holy gifts: that by his holy, beneficent, and glorious presence, he may make this bread the holy body of Jesus Christ. R. Amen. And this chalice

the precious blood of Jesus Christ. R. Amen.

The mixture. The union of the most holy body, and of the precious blood of the Lord God Jesus Christ our Saviour.-Grant thy grace may make me worthy of receiving thy facred body, and thy precious blood, for the remission of my sins and eternal life.

The Liturgy of S. J. Chrysostom for the patriarchat of Constantinople.

7 Herefore we offer to thee this reasonable and unbloody worship; and invoke, beseech, and fupplicate thee, to fend thy most holy ghost upon us, and upon these gifts set before thee. Amen.

And make this bread indeed the precious body of thy Christ. Amen. And what is in this chalice the precious blood of thy Christ, changing them by thy holy

ghost.

-And make us worthy by thy powerful hand, that we may be partakers of thy immaculate body, and of

thy precious blood, and by us all the people.

Let thy holy body, O Lord Jesus Christ, be to me for the remissions of my fins; and thy precious blood for eternal life.

Grant me, O Lord Jeius Christ, thy holy body for the remission of my sins; and thy precious blood for eternal life. And in thy fecond coming number me

with thy just and elect sheep.

We give the thanks, O clement Lord, the benefactor of our fouls; because thou hast also this day judged us worthy of thy supercelestial and immortal mysteries; direct our way, and confirm us all in thy fear; keep our life; establish our steps, by the prayers and and supplications of the holy mother of God and ever virgin Mary, and of all the saints.

From the Greek Liturgy used by the Russians.

Lord, who art full of goodness towards mankind, we fay also with the heavenly virtues, thou art holy and most holy, thou and thy only son and thy spirit: thou art hely and most holy, and thy glory is infinite; thou hast loved the world so far as to give it thy only son, that he who believes in him may not perish, but that he may have eternal life. After having fulfilled his mission for us, the night that he was delivered, or rather that he delivered himself, having taken bread in his holy and unspotted hands, and having given thanks, having bleffed, fanctified, and broken it, he gave it to his holy apostles. Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you for the remission of fins. Choir. Amen. Taking likewise the chalice after he had supped: drink ye all of it, this is my blood of the new testament which is shed for you, and for many for the remission of fins.

We remembring the falutary command which was given to us, and all that was done for us, the cross, the sepulchre, the resurrection the third day, the ascension into heaven, the fitting at the right hand, and the second and glorious coming: we offer to thee the things which are thine, and which come from thy gifts, in all and in every manner.

The people, O Lord our God we praise thee, we bless thee, we give thee thanks, and we beseech thee.

We offer this reasonable and unbloody worship to thee, and we beseech thee to send thy holy ghost upon us and upon these gists. Make this bread the precious body of thy Christ. Deacon. Amen. And what is in this chalice, the precious blood of thy Christ. Deacon. Amen. Changing them by the holy ghost. Deacon. Amen.

Amen, amen, amen. That they may be to those that receive them for the purification of soul, for the remission of sins, for the communication of the hely ghost, for the accomplishment of the kingdom of heaven, and for considence in thee; and not for their

judgment and condemnation.

We also offer this reasonable worship to thee, for those that rest in the faith, the first fathers, the fathers, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, preachers, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, the continent and all those that are consummate in the faith: chiefly for the most holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Mary our Lady, mother of God and ever virgin. S. John Baptist the prophet and precurfer, the holy and glorious apostles, St. N. whose memory we celebrate, and all the faints, by whose prayers grant us, O-Lord, thy protection; and remember those that are dead in the hope of the refurrection to eternal life. For the falvation, protection, and the remission of sins of the servant of God N. For the rest and deliverance of the foul of thy fervant N, that it may be in the luminous place, where there is neither forrow nor lamentation; and that thou mayst make it rest, O Lord our God, in the place where the light of thy countenance shines. -

O Jesus Christ our God look down upon us from thy holy habitation, and from the glorious throne of thy kingdom; thou who dwellest in heaven with the father, and art here invisibly with us, make us worthy by thy powerful hand to partake of thy most pure body, and of thy precious blood, and to distribute it to all thy people. Lord have mercy on me a poor sinner. The priest and Deacen say this three times, advring; and

the people also adore.

The priest holding up the host says: holy things for the holy. Choir. One only holy, one only Lord Jesus Christ in the glory of God the father. Amen.

Deacon

Deacon fays Give me, Sir, the holy and precious body of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. The priest gives it into his hand saying: I give thee the precious, holy, and most pure body of the Lord God our saviour Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins and eternal life. The Deacon bowing near the altar prays as the priest, who takes the holy host saying: I believe O Lord, and confess, that thou art Christ the son of the living God. who camest into the world to save sinners of whom I am the chief.

I am not worthy thou shouldst enter under the vile roof of my soul; but as thou didst vouchsafe to rest in a cave, and in a manger of beasts; to enter into the house of Simon the leper, and to suffer a sinful woman like me to approach to thee; vouchsafe also to enter into the cave of my unreasonable soul, and into my body how desiled dead and leprous soever it be; and as thou didst suffer the mouth of the sinful woman to kiss thy most pure feet, do not abhor me tho' I am a miferable sinner: thou being sull of goodness towards men, permit me to partake of thy most holy body, and of thy precious blood.

O Lord our God pardon and remit me the fins I have committed against thee knowingly or ignorantly, by word or by deed; pardon me them all, thou who art goodness itself; and by the intercession of thy immaculate mother ever virgin, grant that, without incurring condemnation, I may receive thy precious and most pure body for the salvation of soul and body, because

to thee belongs the kingdom, &c.

The priest gives the chalice to the deacon, who says: I come to the immortal king, I believe, O Lord, and confess that thou art Christ the son of the living

God, &c.

The priest says to him: Servant of God deacon N thou communicatest of the holy body and precious blood of Jesus Christ for the remission of fins and eternal life.

Going

Going to communicate, the people elevating the chalice to shew it, he says: approach with the sear of God, and with saith. The choir answers: amen, amen; blessed be he that comes in the name of the Lord.

The communicant receiving fays: I believe, O Lord, and confess that thou art truly the fon of the living

God.

The trieft fays: Servant of God N. receive the most holy body and the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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